



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

January 17, 2019

3:30 – 5:00 PM

David Gebhard Meeting Room

630 Garden St.

Santa Barbara, CA 93101

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CALL TO ORDER 3:30 PM

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Arts Advisory Members Present: Robert Adams, Kai Tepper, Marylove Thralls, Nathan Vonk, Vice Chair, Margie Yahyavi, Chair, William Smithers

Arts Advisory Members Absent: Frederick Janka

Liaisons Present: None

Liaisons Absent: Eric Friedman, Santa Barbara City Council, Michael Drury, H.L.C.

Staff Present: Julia Rutherford Daly, Curator; Hannah Rubalcava, Grants & Contracts Manager; Sarah York Rubin, Executive Director, Nina Johnson, Senior Assistant to the City Administrator

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT

Diane Mackenzie- discussed "A Call to Action: 50 Years After the 1969 Oil Spill"

CONSENT CALENDAR

Subject: Approval of the Minutes

The Arts Advisory Committee approve minutes from the meeting of September 20, 2018.
Tabled.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

1. SUBJECT: Runaway Returning to State Street

The committee approved the installation of "Runaway" on State Street near Yananoli Street on load from The Museum of Contemporary Art – Santa Barbara. M/S/C Smithers, Vonk.
Motion carries.

2. SUBJECT: Poet Laureate Announcement and Open Call

The committee approved the updated Poet Laureate guidelines as amended. M/S/C Thralls, Adams. *Motion carries.*

Amended changes to the Poet Laureate program are:

1. Poets may now self-nominate
2. Online publishing is now accepted instead of only print

The committee expressed the need for a Poet Laureate scoring rubric to be used by the committee in determining the Poet Laureate.

The Poet Laureate selection committee will include Eric Friedman, City Council; Jace Turner, SB Public Library; Enid Osborn, current SB Poet Laureate; Margie Yahyavi and Frederick Janka.

3. SUBJECT: Design/Fabrication Call for Little Libraries [ACTION REQUIRED]

The committee approved the call for artists for “Tiny Libraries” in partnership with the Public Library Central Branch using grant funds from Santa Barbara Beautiful. M/S/C Tepper, Smithers. *Motion carries.*

Robert Adams will serve as the Arts Advisory representative on the Tiny Library artist selection committee.

4. SUBJECT: City Hall Mary Heebner Exhibition [ACTION REQUIRED]

The committee approved the exhibition of “On the Blue Shore of Silence: Poems From the Sea,” a bilingual anthology and treatment of Pablo Neruda’s poetry by Santa Barbara artist Mary Heebner for City Hall Gallery. M/S/C Vonk, Tepper. *Motion carries.*

5. SUBJECT: Mesa Utility Box Art Project

Dr. Teri Jory, the President of Our Mesa Neighborhood (OMNI), shared information about the utility box project that is underway on the Mesa. Dr. Jory explained that one box has been completed using a traffic wrap, and two more have been approved also using a traffic wrap. The projects hopes to expand to all utility boxes on the Mesa and potentially throughout the city.

Public Comment: C. Kelly spoke in favor of the program including information regarding the Los Angeles’ utility box program. Kelly also shared that in the other programs artists receive a stipend for their work.

6. Disaster Relief Grant Program

H. Rubalcava and S. Rubin updated the Committee about the disaster relief grant funds awarded to the County Office of Arts and Culture by the National Endowment for the Arts and California Arts Council to support artists and small nonprofits impacted by the Thomas Fire and 1/9 Debris Flow living or working in Santa Barbara, Montecito, Summerland or Carpinteria. Grant applications are currently open and the deadline to submit an application is March 15.

7. Poetry Out Loud

H. Rubalcava shared information and invited Committee members to attend the regional Poetry Out Loud Competition for high school students, to be held in Santa Barbara on February 13, 2019 at 5:30 p.m at the County Board of Supervisors Hearing Room.

FUTURE ITEMS

STAFF REPORTS

Julia Rutherford Daly: stated that *The River’s Journey* exhibition is on view at City Hall Gallery and will close in March.

Hannah Rubalcava: shared thank you letter from Jodi McLeod, Executive Director of Arts without Limits.

ADJOURNMENT 4:55 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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